

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

STUDENTS: Provides for participation in a dual enrollment program at postsecondary education institutions by certain high school students enrolled in BESE-approved nonpublic schools or BESE-approved home study programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3137(B) and to repeal R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D), relative to
3 eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at
4 participating postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to participation
5 in such program by a student who is a Louisiana resident and is enrolled in any
6 Louisiana nonpublic high school or participates in a home study program of
7 education, including provisions relative to conditions, limitations, tuition amounts,
8 and prohibitions on the use of state funds to pay such tuition; to provide relative to
9 implementation; to remove provisions relative to a study and report by the Board of
10 Regents concerning certain program cost estimates; to provide an effective date; and
11 to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 17:3137(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §3137. Dual enrollment program; legislative findings; eligible participants

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16 B.(1) The Board of Regents shall provide for the participation of any student
17 who meets the following requirements:

18 ~~(1)(a)~~ (a) Is enrolled in a Louisiana public high school or is a resident of the
19 state who is enrolled in a Louisiana nonpublic high school that is approved by the
20 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to R.S. 17:11 or

1 participates in a home study program of education approved by the state board
 2 pursuant to R.S. 17:236.1.

3 ~~(2)(b)~~ Is at least fifteen years of age.

4 ~~(3)(c)~~ Is currently in the eleventh or twelfth grade.

5 ~~(4)(d)~~ Meets any other eligibility criteria as the Board of Regents may
 6 require.

7 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall be implemented on a priority
 8 basis with first preference given to funding students enrolled in a Louisiana public
 9 high school and second preference given to funding other eligible dual enrollment
 10 program participants as provided by this Subsection.

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12 Section 2. R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

13 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor
 14 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 15 2009, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary education institutions, deletes provisions relative to participation in such program by an otherwise eligible student who is enrolled in any La. nonpublic high school or participates in a home study program of education. Provides instead for participation in the program by an otherwise eligible student who is a resident of the state enrolled in a La. nonpublic high school that is approved by BESE or participating in a home study program of education approved by BESE. Requires implementation on a priority basis with first preference given to funding students enrolled in a La. public high school.

Relative to eligibility of high school students to participate in a dual enrollment program at participating postsecondary education institutions:

Present law (R.S. 17:3137(C)) provides for such participation by any student who is enrolled in a La. nonpublic school or participates in a home study program of education and who also meets certain other eligibility requirements. Prohibits use of state funds to pay the tuition of such a student. Provides, however, that the tuition amount charged to the student shall be the same as is paid by the state on behalf of a student attending a public high school.

Proposed law repeals present law. Provides instead for participation in the program by a student who is a resident of the state enrolled in a La. nonpublic high school that is approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) or participating in a home study program of education approved by BESE, and who meets other specified eligibility conditions also applicable to a student enrolled in a La. public high school.

Proposed law also provides that it shall be implemented on a priority basis with first preference given to funding students enrolled in a La. public high school and second preference given to funding other eligible dual enrollment program participants as provided by proposed law.

Present law (R.S. 17:3137(D)) requires the Bd. of Regents to study and report to the legislature's education committees prior to the 2009 R.S. concerning certain program cost estimates. Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 17:3137(B); Repeals R.S. 17:3137(C) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Relative to the participation of certain nonpublic high school students and certain home study students, adds provision requiring that such students be residents of the state.
2. Adds provision relative to implementation on a priority basis.